

PART I—Section 2.

GENERAL.

No. G. 15933—G. M. 517-15-2, dated 22nd May 1916.

The following Notification No. 29, dated the 15th May 1916, of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore regarding the scheme for the registration of claims of British and British Indian subjects against enemy subjects and enemy Governments is hereby republished for general information:—

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Notification No. 29, dated 15th May 1916.

The following papers regarding the scheme for the registration of claims of British and British Indian subjects against enemy subjects and enemy Governments are published for general information:—

Telegram, dated the 24th September 1915.

From—The Secretary of State for India,

To—His Excellency the Viceroy (Home Department).

Your telegram dated the 26th August. Foreign Claims Office. Foreign Office request that Government of India should receive and examine claims from British India against enemy Government following same procedure as Foreign Claims Office here and should from time to time forward accepted cases for final registration in that office; as regards claims against enemy subjects same course should be adopted, except that the claims should be eventually sent to Public Trustee and not to Foreign Claims Office. I agree with Foreign Office. Copies of instructions and forms used this country are being sent by mail to Home Secretary for guidance of your Government.

India Office to the Public Trustee.

R. and S. 5970-15.

INDIA OFFICE,
28th September 1915.

Sir,

I am to say that Mr. Chamberlain will be glad to receive your suggestions as to the form and scope of the *questionnaire* to be adopted for the purpose of obtaining information regarding:—

- (i) Debts from persons in enemy territory due to British subjects in India;
- (ii) Property in enemy territory held by British subjects in India.

I am, etc.,
E. J. TURNER.

The Public Trustee.

The Public Trustee to India Office.

No. 518.

3 and 4, Clement's Inn,
LONDON, W. C.,
1st October 1915.

Sir,

Trading with the Enemy.

Your letter of the 28th ultimo (your reference R. and S. 5970-15).

It may be of some use if I make a few remarks on the purpose of the various forms.

Returns of British property in enemy countries and occupied territories.—Registration Order "G" is used by persons resident or carrying on business in the United Kingdom, to make a return of debts due to them by enemy debtors and bank balances held for them by enemy banks. In practice it is found that the public concerned have little difficulty in filling up this form, except that they sometimes overlook the fact that unpaid dividends due to them from enemy countries are debts.

Registration Order "H" is used for the purpose of making a return of all other property except personal luggage, held in enemy or occupied territories on behalf of persons resident or carrying on business in the United Kingdom. In practice, the minor difficulties that have arisen have been (1) that the public sometimes have a difficulty in apprehending that, if they are holding, say, Prussian bonds, the third column of the Form "H" which asks for the full name and address of the enemy person or firm, should have the entry "Prussian Government" written in it; (2) considerable difficulty arises in obtaining from those who are filling up the forms the necessary information for column 2, "approximate value of property held." The usual thing is to find this column filled with the nominal value of the shares or securities recorded in the first column, and it was considered desirable to have the actual values. It was necessary in a very large number of cases to send out to the persons who had filled in a Registration Order "H," the attached circular (X-28). Even so, however, this circular very frequently comes back with a statement that it was impossible to obtain the particulars desired.

Registration Order "J" is not in practice of very great importance, and no difficulty is found in getting it filled up with the necessary particulars.

I am, etc.,

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Custodian for England and Wales.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

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FORM X-28.

"TRADING WITH THE ENEMY."

Registration Order H.

DEAR SIR (OR MADAM),

In reference to the Registration Order field by you with this Department I desire to call your attention to the fact that you have only given the nominal value of the securities held for you by enemy firms or persons. The objects in view when the Return was asked for cannot, however, be attained unless the actual market value, as distinct from the nominal face value, of all securities is recorded.

It will be readily understood that it does not come within the province of the Public Trustee to accept any responsibility for the realisation after the war of the actual values recorded, while, on the other hand, the person making the return is not pledged to abide by his own valuation of it should it turn out in fact to be less than can be realised when the markets are again working under normal conditions.

In recording the actual values the following rules should be observed:—

1. In all cases where sales in the securities are now taking place, or have taken place since the War began, the prices realised at such sales should be taken as the basis of the valuation.
2. In other cases where no such sales have been made, the value should be the value on the 1st August, 1914, or on the latest date previous to the 1st August, 1914, on which a price was recorded.
3. In cases where lands, houses, or leases are included in the Return, the value recorded should be the estimated capital value as on the 1st August 1914, less the estimated capital value of any charges on the same.